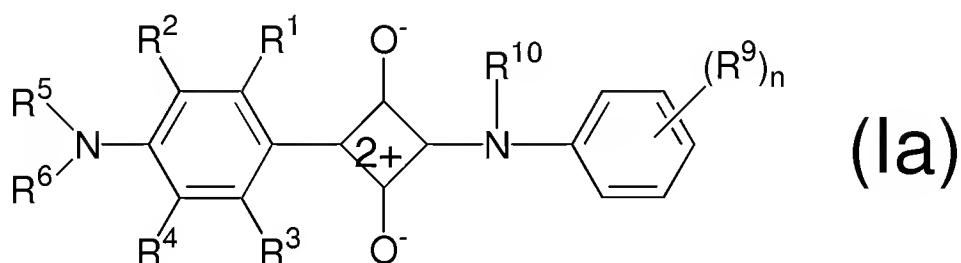


a.) Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices,
comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;

R^5 and R^6 are independently an alkyl group;

R^9 is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

R^{10} is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

" n " is an integer of 0 to 2.

Claims 4-11 (Cancelled).

12. (New) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 3, wherein R^9 is an alkyl group; and n is an integer of 1 or 2.

13. (New) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 3, wherein R^{10} is an alkyl group.

14. (New) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 12, wherein R^{10} is an alkyl group.